

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 44 have been canceled.

In the first Office Action dated January 4, 2006, it was stated that claims 45 - 58 were free of the cited prior art but they were rejected under §112 for impliedly claiming all extracts of licorice root while the disclosure only teaches one extract which is a water extract of licorice root that includes a diverse variety of molecules and no predominant molecule. Such extracts have been well known for more than a thousand years. They are made with just water or with water plus a similar solvent that is miscible in water such as ethanol or methanol.

In response to the first office action, the applicant added a limitation to overcome the §112 rejection, but the examiner did not find this limitation acceptable. In the above amendment, applicant has deleted the previously added limitation and substituted an different limitation to overcome the §112 rejection. Applicant also copied the claims into an additional set of claims and put in a second different limitation as a proposed solution to the §112 rejection.

To resolve the §112 rejection, independent claims 45 and 50 have been amended to state that the extract of licorice was obtained by using a solvent comprised of water.

For a second approach to resolving the §112 rejection, new claims 59 – 72 include independent claims 59 and 64. Independent claim 59 is identical to amended claim 45 except a limitation that 'the extract of licorice is a water extract' has been added to claim 59 instead of specifying use of a 'solvent comprised of water' as is stated in amended claim 45. Independent claim 64 is identical to amended claim 50 except a limitation that 'the extract of licorice is a water extract' has been added to claim 64 instead of specifying use of a 'solvent comprised of water' as is stated in amended claim 50.

The new claims which depend from claims 59 and 64 are the same as the claims which depend from claims 45 and 50.

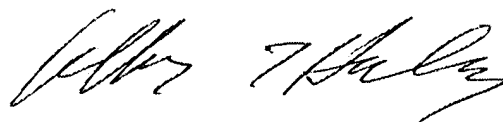
It is believed that the claims as amended and the new claims are in condition for allowance. It is requested that said claims be allowed. If the examiner is not at first

inclined to allow the case at this time, the applicant requests the opportunity for a telephone interview with applicant's counsel, Paul Lunn. Mr. Lunn will call to set up an interview.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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